larger tanks under which the *atchkat* is more than the capacity of the tanks warrants?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—It is not possible readily to give that information because conditions are always changing.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Cannot the *atchkats* be reduced on the Government's own initiative without waiting for applications from the raiyats? The Government must be aware that due to silt accumulation, the capacity of tanks has been reduced in most cases.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina S. P. Rajagopalachari).—These things are brought to the notice of the officers at the time of the annual inspections and at jamabandy time. Projects are prepared whenever necessary and work taken up wherever possible. It is not possible to do it in the case of all the 25,000 tanks all at once.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Are the Government receiving reports every year in this respect?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—Yes.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—But why should *atchkats* be extended at all, indiscriminately?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—It is not done at all. In fact, the orders of Government are definitely against indiscriminate extensions.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—In the Nagamangala and Krishnarajapet Taluks, owing to failure of crops, the raiyats represented that they were unable to pay the assessments at the prevailing rates, and the Dewan was pleased to promise a reduction. Has anything been done in that direction?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—I shall visit the places early and see what can be done.

Mr. K. P. CHANNABASAVIAH.—Cannot the Deputy Commissioner himself be empowered to reduce the assessment in deserving cases?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—No; the Deputy Commissioner cannot do it. Such cases must go first to the Director of Land Records and then to Government through the Revenue Commissioner, for final orders.

Frontier Toll-gates in Pavagada Taluk.

Q.—20. **Messrs. G. SANKARA SETTY and P. NAGARAJAIAH (Pavagada Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) are not the Government aware of the fact that frontier toll-gates in Pavagada Taluk are getting their income from the people of Pavagada Taluk alone as there is no direct traffic from the British territories to the State;

(*b*) is it not a fact that Pavagada cannot be a good commercial place and is mainly dependent upon Hindupur (British Territory) for all supplies to the market?

A.—**The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) No. The total revenue at the gate is not derived solely from people of Pavagada Taluk.

(*b*) Government have no definite information.

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—With reference to (*a*), may I know what percentage of the income is derived from the people of Pavagada?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—We have no information on that point. We can only say that all the income is not derived from that taluk.

Mr. G. SANKARA SETTY.—I know that more than 80 per cent of the income is realised from the local people. So, whatever concessions are allowed to people in other parts of the State who are similarly situated, might be shown to people in the Pavagada Taluk also, with regard to imports of food-stuffs and other necessities of life.

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—It is not possible to convert frontier toll-gates into interior toll-gates or to grant the exemptions proposed. Those toll-gates are governed by different rules.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Was it not the intention that at frontier toll-gates, double rates should be recovered only on imports brought by outsiders?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No; the rule applies to all alike.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina S. P. Rajagopalachari).—The toll-gate keeper cannot go on enquiring in each and every case whether the man is a local man or an outsider.

Mr. S. SHARABHANNA.—Some concession should be shown to local people, or at least to local agriculturists.

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—Special concession is being shown in the case of agriculturists.

Mr. S. SHARABHANNA.—Even for other necessary articles like bricks, stones, etc., required for house construction, you must show some concession.

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—It is very difficult to accept that suggestion. The main difficulty is to find out who is a local man and who is not.

Mr. S. SHARABHANNA.—The man asking for exemption may be asked to produce a certificate from the patel of his village that he is a resident of that village.

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—As I said, it is a question beset with practical difficulties. We shall, however, consider the suggestion.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—The Mulbagal people have got to pay a double toll at the Bethamangala toll-gate which is within 15 miles from the frontier limit. How is it fair to levy it from them?

The REVENUE COMMISSIONER (Mr. K. V. Anantaraman).—We have since shifted the toll-gate to the neighbourhood of Venkatagirikonda. So the people of Mulbagal will have no more trouble.

Depopulated Villages in Tiptur Taluk.

Q.—23. **Messrs. C. PATTABHIRAMASETTY** (Chiknaikanahalli Municipality) and **Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA** and **G. KANCHAPPA** (Chiknaikanahalli Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years ago was the village of Doddikatte, Honnavalli Hobli, Tiptur Taluk, depopulated;

(*b*) what is the income from this village at present;

(*c*) what would be the income, if this is improved;

(*d*) how many applications were received so far for the improvement of this village;

(*e*) what action has been taken on these;

(*f*) was there any application from the raiyats of Settikere, Chiknaikanahalli Taluk, in this respect;

(*g*) what action has been taken on this;

(*h*) what is the classification of different kinds of lands in acres in this village?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. A. V. Ramanathan).**—

(*a*) About the year 1880.

(*b*) Rs. 298-8-10 (as per jamabandi of 1935-36).

(*c*) About Rs. 100 more.

(*d*) None from raiyats in this taluk.

(*e*) The question does not arise in view of reply to (*d*).

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) After detailed enquiry the applications were rejected.

		Extent		*Assessment*		
		A.	G.	Rs.	a.	p.
(*h*)	Garden	12	9	32	12	0
	Dry ...	189	27	170	8	0
	Wet ...	13	39	48	0	0

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—What is the reason for this village (Settikere) getting depopulated?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—It might have been due to the famine of 1877-78.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—The raiyats had given a petition that they would re-build the village. Why was that application rejected?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—It is not possible to give away those lands, because there are plenty of date trees standing on them.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—Are the Government actually deriving any revenue from those trees?

Mr. A. V. RAMANATHAN.—Even if, at present, no revenue is being derived, there are more than 6,000 date trees which can be tapped.